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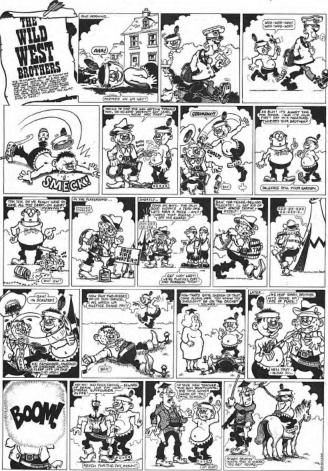


























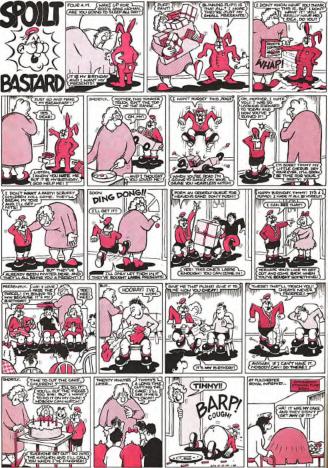
















Condom combo spend their wad

Cash bribe secures top pop slot You don't get much for fifteen guid these days. A few bottles of cider perhaps, or fifteen minutes of fun in

the local amusement arcade. But for Southampton based band WHO'S IN THE KITCHEN £15,23 was all it took to make a lifetime's dream come true. Because that paltry sum was all it took to buy them the No. 1 slot in this issue's Top Ten chart.

Their single, Condom Nation. was released partly in order to boost AIDS related charities. But as no-one has actually bought the record, the band have been unable to give any of their proceeds to charity. "It's a Catch 22 situation". they told us.

You can help solve the problem by sending £1.65 (inc. P+P) to the band, c/o O. P. Clarke at 58 Derby Southampton. SO2 OPH. In return they'll send you a copy of the single.

Miserable

All in all it's a pretty miserable looking chart, with only five artists managing to muster a tenner or more.



Also aiming for the top — another one of the bands in our Top Ten chart.



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Perhaps the most generous outfit were NEW BLOOD TRANSFUSION, who gen-erously donated 2 dozen cans of strong lager. But the luckless combo's efforts have gone unrewarded. Gifts are no longer accepted as Top Ten bribes - it's cash only - so their pretentious looking 39 Converts album fails to make the chart.

Rabbits

amazing KILLER RABBITS return to the chart at No. 4. They tell us that their album, Dodgy Derek's Desert Drive In Dunk-a-Doughnut Stand, costs only £5.95 (incl. P+P) from 'The Warren', 2 Briton Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8QH. If you can't catch the Rabbits live, the album is an absolute must. As well as being great value, with 17 tracks in all, the band tell us that their record has unexplained healing properties, cures baldness and can be used as an invalual slimming aid for fat people. invaluable

a reco

based MALCOLM'S INTERVIEW, with several record releases to their name, are nowhere to be seen in this issue's chart. That's because the popular 4 piece have changed their name to GOD'S LITTLE MONKEYS. They have a new LP, which goes straight in at No. 7. The band are generously offering a copy

of the new record to the first

nerson to correctly answer the following question.

God's Little Monkeys have a new LP in our Top Ten. But by what name were the band previously known?

Send your answers, on a postcard - one with a nice picture on it, perhaps - to God's Little Monkeys, 14 St. John Street, York, YO3 7QT.

WHO'S IN THE KITCHEN

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Condom Nation THE FUCK MONSTERS

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HENRY HALL & HIS ELECTRIC ALL STARS The Dungeon/Ghosts of the Past

KILLER RABBITS Dodgy Derek's Desert Drive-In.

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THE LEGEND OF DYNAMIC DISKORD Let's Go Mental GOD'S LITTLE MONKEYS

New Maps of Hell BREE Stop The Pigeon

BASTI 10 Basti's 12"

Norwich has never been renowned for producing great rock bands. The Beatles, Big Country, The Alarm, Genesis and Iron Maiden. All of these came from somewhere else. But things could be changing. BASTI are very definitely from Norwich, and what's more, they've just completed a tour of Poland. Fresh from their jaunt behind the Iron

Field mice

Several other bands, none of chart.

If you have a record, getting it into the charts could prove to be a pain in the arse - quite literally. Unless you're fortunate enough to sell tens of thousands of copies, you could find yourself resorting to other means - like sleeping with radio producers - just to get your record into the hit parade. But why bother? Now there's a much easier way of scoring a chart hit. You simply Curtain. Basti sent us £6.33 send us a copy of the record -plus a cash bribe - and we'll enough to squeeze them into the chart at No. 10. put it in the Viz Top Ten. Remember - the more you send, the higher up the chart you go. So send your records to Viz Top Ten, P.O. Box IPT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 IPT.



If all your shit had to be taken away in milk bottles it would need an entire milk float just to remove the excrement produced in one month alone by an average family of four. Probably.



The Ten Water Businesses of England and Wales

Taking your shit away - and putting it in the sea











TRIS IS A STICK-UP!



r, Barrington Granger, quiet, bespeciacled Bernford sci pel, Colin Barton visited Barnford Agricultural show GOSH, BARRINGTON, IT'S AWFULLY ADT.





Barry leapt from the branches.







LOOK, ISN'T THAT YOUNG BARRING TON GRANGER?



DICING

Every year millions of pounds of tax payers money is spent safeguarding the Royal Family. Yet despite the constant efforts of police and security services, almost every week one of the Royals throws caution to the wind and risks their neck flying helicopters,

playing polo or skiing off the Piste.

Far from being safety conscious, the Royal Family seem to thrive on danger, and a growing number of people fear that sooner or later a member of the monarchy could killed or seriously injured.

ACCIDENT

The most widely publicised incident was Prince Charles' recent return to the ski slopes so soon after the tragic accident in which a colleague died. According to a former ski guide, the Prince regularly leads his party off the Piste and along precarious cliff edges and goat paths, narrowly avoiding rock falls and avalanches

DANGEROUS

"He always seeks out the most dangerous routes", our source told us. "He has even been known to ski blindfolded if he felt that the element of danger was lacking"

EXCITEMENT

Princess Di gives skiing a miss, finding plenty of excitement back home on the streets of London, Bored with Royal rigmarole and security restrictions, Di loves to go for a drive or a shopping trip unaccompanied by her personal detective. As one Palace insider told us, she regularly gives her bodyguard the slip.



"Often she is allowed to travel alone in her car, with a police escort following close behind. But on one occasion she tried to lose her tail by driving the wrong way up a one way street at 130 mph". There followed a thrilling high speed car chase through central London in which six police cars were badly damaged. Eventually the police cornered her in a car park.

SPEED "The only way out was through a narrow alleyway less than five feet wide", our insider told us. "So she revved up her engine, then drove the car at high speed onto a nearby ramp, flipping the car up sideways, before swerving through the alley way on two wheels". Detectives later found the wayward Princess shopping unaccompanied in a nearby fashion boutique.



But for every incident that makes the headlines there are many more that never make the news. Like the time when Prince Charles was dicing with death before he'd even reached the ski slopes. A close friend of the Prince takes up the story.

LEAPT

"Charles had boarded the cablecar and was on his way up to the mountain top when suddenly he realised he'd forgotten his skis. Rather than wait until the car reached the top, he clambered out of a window onto the roof, hundreds of feet up above an icv ravine and leapt onto a passing car travelling in the opposite direction. He then collected the skis from his hotel room before returning to the mountain in slightly less dramatic fashion"



Randy Andy — hair-raisis stunts with his chopper

Brother Andrew, the Duke of York, gets more than his fair share of excitement as a helicopter pilot in the Navy. A former shipmate of the dashing royal who served with Andrew during the Falklands conflict told us that the Duke was always in the thick of the action.

MISSILE

"His belicopter would often return from anti-submarine patrols riddled with bullet holes. On one particular occasion a large missile had narrowly missed the Prince and lodged itself in his rotar blades, failing to explode.



Charles and Di - they live for dang

Typically, the Prince landed his helicopter safely before carrying the unexploded shell to the Officers Mess. Seconds later the device exploded, and the Prince, his face blackened and his clothes in tatters, celebrated by ordering champ-



Fergie — fat arae

While Andrew finds adventure in the forces, at home the Duchess of York's life is by no means quiet. She spends hours in the air flying helicopters and aeroplanes, often at low level, and occasionally amuses herself by flying under bridges, through tunnels and by 'buzzing' motorway traffic. One lorry driver was in for quite a surprise when he stopped at a motorway service station.

STUNT "I got out of my lorry and looked up and there was the Duchess of York's helicopter sitting on the back. She must have landed it on top of my load while I was traveiling at over 60 mph. I bought her a cup of tea and a bun and chatted to her for a few minutes before she flew off again. She was very friendly - a lovely person - but it did strike me as a rather dangerous stunt for a person in her position to be attempting".



guests at a Palace Garden Party



Even the older Royals occasionally enjoy a brush with danger. Alarm bells were set ringing recently when the Queen Mother disappeared. Security was put on full alert and a massive search was launched, but after two days police and security services could find no trace of the popular Royal. It was feared that she may have been the victim of a terrorist kidnapping, until news came through that she'd been found - safe and well - by potholers exploring caverns hundreds of feet below the Derbyshire Peaks.



Queen Mum - potholing at 89

The plucky Royal Gran had set off on a solo potholing expedition and become trapped in a narrow fissure hundreds of feet below ground level. With oxygen in short supply, she was fortunate to be rescued in the nick of time by a team of amateur potholers who had been exploring the same area.

BRAVADO

Relieved relatives threw a party to celebrate her narrow escape and served up a right Royal banquet. Warned by her doctors to avoid fish bones, with typical bravado the Queen Mum tucked into a hearty meal of smoked kippers before downing several pints of stout. An official Palsce spokesman explained her disappearance by claiming that the Queen Mother had been 'resting' at Balmoral, the Royal's Scottish holiday

BATTLE

A leading psychologist Dr Franz Klausman, believes that the Royal Family's affinty for danger is an inherited condition. "It's in their blood", he told us. "In years gone by Kings and Queens would lead their armies into battle. Nowadays we expect them to to just sit around, wave at people and open things. It's only natural for them to channel their excess energies into exciting and often dangerous pursuits"

HAZARDOUS

But the Oueen fails to agree and she is known to be unhappy at the growing level of disregard for personal safety. Quite rightly she feels that as heirs to the throne her family should be more careful and think twice before partaking in hazardous pursuits. Indeed, only recently she stepped in to block a birthday treat which Charles and Diana had planned for their second son Harry.

BARREL

B-B-B-1 The danger loving duo had planned to send the toddler 中中1 - third in line to the throne - over Niagra Falls in a wooden barrel. But the Queen intervened, claiming that the do spectacular stunt was simply too dangerous.

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Terrace trendies

A new breed of soccer hooligan — dressed in £800 suits and drinking bubbly at fifty quid a bottle - is replacing the traditional soccer thug.

And you won't catch them wearing scarves, hats or Doctor Marten boots, Instead the new yuppie yobs sport dapper suits by Giorgio Armani. Lager is out too. The new generation of louts quaff Dom Perignon champagne by the crate full. No expense is spared. Unlike their predecessors the terrace trouble makers of today hold down highly paid jobs in the City.

FLICK KNIVES Flick knives are replaced by

filofaxes. The new breed of thug is highly organised. And tattoos are frowned upon. A diamond encrusted Cartier wristwatch is more in keeping with the new image. MACHETE

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With their £250 hand stitched Jermyn Street silk shirts, you won't catch these thugs 'putting the boot in'. They wouldn't want to risk chaffine their made-to-order Italian pig skin brogues, at £300 a pair.

SAMURAI SWORD

And it isn't their style to look for trouble, Indeed with their £500 leather Gucci ties, they

Football thugs who dress to kill don't go to football matches

at all. Instead they go out, in

their solid gold Dunhill cufflinks and Chinchilla socks at £900 a pair, and eat nouvelle cuisine in fasionable restaurants, or just stay at home in their £2 million converted dockland warehouses, relaxing and listening to their £3000 top-of-the-range Nakamichi CD players, with quadraphonic sound.

Opinion - p.27

Oueen sex Members of pop group Oueen

have taken part in '2-in-a-bed' sex romps with their wives. The saucy stars were believed to be naked at the time. Other pop stars, among them Paul McCartney, are also thought to have had sex with

OLD LADIES

their wives.

If you don't pay your gas bill this winter YOU'RE GOING TO PRISON

> The Gas Board We'V get our lucking bit - don't you worry

Cheese blow

Cheese prices are set to soar. And a pound of Edam could set housewives back as much as £28 a pound if new EEC Cheese Regulations come into effect later this year.

TINNED PEAS

This comes as a double blow to shoppers already reeling from the news that tinned peas are to be outlawed under new Vegetable legislation.

Housewife Mrs Vera Wells described the news as "typical". However, there was some consolation for shoppers. A change in the laws governing nuts could mean a drop in the price of chopped almonds. Only a small reduction can be expected, however a saving of between 1 and 2p a pound could be passed on to housewives.











that dares to think

If you spent hundreds of pounds on a sking holiday, and then found yourself being harrassed from dawn till dusk by cameramen and reporters, you wouldn't be too pleased, would you? The Royal Family work damn hard for their money. And just like anyone else, when they take holiday, they deserve some peace and quiet.

But who pays for their holidays anyway? That's right. We, the taxpayers, do. And as taxpayers we demand to know how our money is being spent. So come on Charles. Grow up.

If you don't like cameramen, you shouldn't have been a Prince in the first place.

We applaud the Government's decision to build the Channel Tunnel. Critics say it's too expensive. That's rubbish. It provides jobs for the unemployed – and is a massive boost for British industry.

But why France? Why not build it to the Falkland Islands? They are British ofter all.

It's inevitable that if we build a tunnel to France, sooner of later the French are going to want to use it themselves.

At last the Government have done something about football hooligans. They've introduced a compulsory membership card scheme.

But membership cards alone won't stop a determined soccer thug. These people are terrorists, not hootigans. And they should be treated as such. We should round them up like cattle, and shoot

SEX OP. FOR ASTLEYP Tennere non Idol Rick Astley | Dr Otto Bulletimer, a leading

Teenage pop idol Rick Astley may undergo a sex change operation in a last gasp effort to rid himself of his adoring fans.

RICK

"All Rick wants is to be able to go out for a quiet drink without being noticed and stared at by fans", a close friend of the singer told us.

GIRLS

Tired of the attentions of screaming girls, Rick has often resorted to disguising himself by wearing a false beard, sanglasses and walking with a limp. But now the frustrated star is thought to be considering a more permanent solution — the sex change operation.

specialist in sex change operations, told us the Rick's first step would be to visit his lecal GP. "He would discuss Rick's reasons for wanting the change, and talk about the long term implications of the operation." The teenage star would then be subjected to an in-depth syschological assessment, followed by a 2 year trial period during which Rick would have to live his life 'as a woman'.

TEENAGE

It would then be up to the teenage star himself to decide whether or not to go ahead with the lengthy operation which could cost anything up to £200,000 to complete. Probably.

<u>Tragic Derek's</u> <u>Disney dream</u>

An appeal fund has been set up so that a tragic Hull youngster's dream may come true. For Derek Miller, 34, whose dearest wish is to visit Disneyland in Florida. has been told by doctors that his eyesight is deteriorating, and eventually he may not be able to read without glasses. Derek first Gund out he had woonpress.

progressive myopia about two months ago after a routine visit to the opticians. He already has difficulty making out distant numberplates, says his mother, and the doctors reckon by the time he's 40 he could need bifocals.

BRAVE

But Derek is bravely making the most of his remaining time, and has already spent a day at his local fire station, trying on a fireman's hast and driving the tender before being discovered and arrested.

WONDERFUL "Derek's wanted to visit

Disneyland ever since he sent off for a brochure about eight weeks ago, 'says his mother. 'People have been wonderful und we're hoping to raise about £10,000 to send him and a lew of his mates over there, and to buy him a specially adapted mini merro. So that he will be able

to live as near normal a life as possible on his return." The fund presently stands at £26.50. If you would like to contribute, make your cheque payable to Derek Miller.

















Are you a TRUE

animal lover

We all love kittens, pupples and goldfish. In Britain today almost everyone has owned a pet at one stage or another. But are we really a nation of animal lovers? There's more to being a TRUE animal lover than simply taking your dog for a walk, feeding pigeons or throwing buns to an elephant.

Here's a fun to answer questionnaire that will reveal whether YOU and your friends are real animal lovers or merely fair weather fans. Answer all the questions, a b or c, then tot up your final score.

 A friend invites you out for dinner at a high class restaurant. Which of the following meals would you choose?

a. A raw, bleeding, freshly killed steak.

b. A couple of small, well cooked sausages, with mash.

c. An organically grown lettuce.

2. You are driving along a

country lane late at night when you hit and kill a small, fluffy rabbit which had frozen in your headlights. What would you do? a. Stop the car and throw

the rabbit in the boot. Your wife might be able to chuck it in a pic or some-thing b. Drive on as if nothing has

happened.
c. Have the dead rabbit stuffed caringly by a qualified taxidermist and display it in a prime

position in your home.

3. You awake to find a spider in the bath. What would you

do?

a. Strike it repeatedly with
the toilet brush, wipe up its
remains on a piece of tissue
paper then flush them down

the toilet.
b. Go to a neighbour's house and ask whether, under the circumstances, it would be possible to use their bath instead.

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c. Construct a small rope lodder using matchsticks and lengths of string, then hong it over the side of the bath enabling the spider to escape.

 The circus comes to town and your kids plead with you to take them. What would you do?

a. Take them along, buy some pop corn, sit back and enjoy the show.

b. Take them, but encourage them to applaud only human acts, and not those which irrolve

animals.
c. Help them to paint protest bamers, take them along to the Big Top, then organise them into a peaceful picket line outside the entranse.

 While out shopping on your local High Street, you notice one shop is selling expensive fur coats. How would you react? Would you.

a. Go in and buy the most expensive coat.

b. Ask to try a few coats on, but postpone any decision to buy until you have had time to think it over.

c. Put superglue into the shop's locks, and then return later that evening to fire bomb the premises.

6. Whilst enjoying a seaside holiday you hire a two seaterpaddle boat on the beach. Suddenly, you notice a big Japanese factory whaling ship in hot pursuit of a large, helpless whale. What would you do?

a. Take a photograph of the whale being killed and show it to friends on your return, b. Ignore the commotion and continue with your leiturely paddle.



c. Paddle frantically in the direction of the ship and try to position yourself between the harpoonist and the whale.

7. You are enjoying afternoon tea on the patio when a small fox suddenly leaps over the wall and hides under your table. A few moments later the local squire and several well-to-do friends arrive on horseback with a pack of baying hounds and ask whether you have seen the fox. What would you do?

a. Lift the table cloth to reveal the terrified animal, then retire to a safe distance to watch the hounds tear it away.

b. Say nothing. After all, foir's fair. They should find the fox for themselves.
c. Tell them that you saw the fox in a village several miles away and send them in completely the wrong direction.

A new neighbour invites
you to a dog fight in his back
garden. How would you
respond?

a. Gratefully accept the invitation and go along gleefully, hoping to win a few bob. b. Pop in for a few minutes, so as not to appear rude.

Here's your chance to find out!

c. Photograph the event from a vantage point in your own garden and compile a selling dossier of evidence against your neighbour which you would then forward to the RSPCA.

9. Another one of your neighbours is a battery farmer, and he's going away on holiday. He asks if you would clip his chickens' beaks for him each morning. What would you do?

a. Jump at the chance. It's a great opportunity to steal

some eggs. b. Agree to do it, but only if

the money's right.
c. Accept the job, then hire
a big lorry and take the
chickens to the seaside and
set them free.



10. You buy your son a small puppy, however after returning from a long day out you find that it has soiled the doormat. Would you:

a. Rub its snout in its own mess, kick it out of the house then arrange with the wet to have the animal destroyed.

 Scold it roundly, and threaten it with a rolled up newspaper.

c. Save the puppy's embarrassment by pretending not to notice, then clean up the mess later after the pup has gone to bed. 11. You are playing baseball on the beach with your kids when you spot a baby seal basking on a nearby ice flow. What would you do? a. Club it to death with your

bat and use its pelt to make an attractive pencil case or similar present for your kids.

b. Ignore it. It'll probably go away.

c. Spray its coat with a harmless indelible green ink thus rendering it worthless to fur traders, then throw it back into the sea.

12. You are watching a TV farming documentary when you witness a scene in which a pig is about to be slaughtered. How would you react? Would you:

a. Continue to watch in a frenzy of excitement, setting your video to record the

b. Flick around to see if anything better is on.

c. Write a strong letter of complaint to the Director General of the BBC, enclosing a home made explosive device.

13. While walking in the countryside your pet dog attacks and injures several

sheep. What would you do? a. Take a rock from a dry stone wall and attempt to destroy the injured animals. It's the humane thing to do. b. Take your dog home, pretending that nothing has happened, and remember to bring a lead with you next timee

c. Scold your dog for misbehaving, then apologise to the farmer, offering to pay for repairs to the damaged

14. You are at a protest about South African fruit. Suddenly a policeman on horseback starts hitting you about the head and shoulders with a long stick. How would you react? Would you:

a. Scatter crudely welded spikes on the ground to injure the horse and dismount the rider.

b. Let off a starting pistol in the hope of unsettling the horse without causing any injury.

c. Give the horse a sugar lump, then demand that the policeman dismounts before striking him with your placard.

15. Your daughter keeps a pet rabbit in a butch in the back garden. One night you awake to find your next door . shampoo factory, climbed into the garden and is putting something into the rabbit's eyes. What would you do?

a. Ignore the incident and go back to bed.

Consider heightening your garden wall to prevent any similar intrusions in the future.

c. Organise a protest march to your next door neighbour's factory, and distribute leaflets to houses in your street suggesting that people boycott their particular brand of shampoo.

How did you do?

Award yourself 3 points for every C you answered, 2 points for a B and I point for each A. Then tot up your score and see how you rate:

40 or over

Look out David Attenborough. You really are an animal's best friend. You treat them as your equal, refusing to ill treat them or stand by and watch them suffer. And you probably don't eat them very often either. You're a true animal lover, and in return the animals will love you too.

20 to 39

Not had, but you can't call yourself a REAL animal lover. You obviously enjoy the company of certain animals, and would never be cruel to a pet. But try being more friendly to other, less attractive animals, like anteaters and slugs. They have feelings too,

you know. 19 or less

You heartless bastard. What have animals ever done to you? People like you are worse than animals. How would you like to be slaughtered by a herd of cattle, then cooked in an oven? No. It isn't very nice when you think about it, is it? Well, one day you probably will be. So don't come running to us for

HUNDREDS WILL DIE IN 'JAWS' NIGHTMARE

Killer fish in satellite telly terror

A Sunday afternoon messing about on the river could soon be a thing of the past, according to a top Birmingham zoologist. For by the middle of the nineteen nineties, all of Britain's rivers, streams, canals and reservoirs could be teaming with sharks. This is the astonishing claim

A shark yesterday.

No.7; WILLIAM SHATNER STANDANTE LOG -

made by Aston University's Dr George Estelle in his new book "The Sharks Are Coming To Get Us." (Toast books £4.95). The scenario is an absolute

nightmare," writes Dr Estelle. "People will be dying in their thousands. Anglers, canoeists, divers, in fact using Britain's waterways will be putting their lives at risk. It doesn't bear thinking about!"

SIGNALS

But why should the world's most dangerous fish suddenly change it's habitat completely? According to Dr Estelle, satellite T.V. is to blame. The signals given off by the satellites will interfere with the complex inagnetic navigation systems employed by the sharks. Driven mad by these sonic rays, the sharks will eventually find their way to Britain's estuaries before swimming inland in a crazed frenzy of brutal killings.

LEVEL CROSSING

A spokesman for the natural history section of the British museum said, "I've never heard such rubbish in my life. Sharks are marine creatures and would be unable to to survive in fresh water above a few minutes."

We contacted Aston University to get Dr Estelle's reaction to their claim, but they told us they had never heard of him.











'Thanks' for helping to

pick up my oranges

Thanks to the many passers by who helped me to pick up the bag of oranges which I dropped while shopping on Dewsbury High Street last Wednesday afternoon. I was unable to thank them all fully at the time, but their generous help was much appreciated.

At the final count I had recovered 5 of the 6 oranges which I had purchased. The sixth was damaged by a passing car. Thanks once again to all those who helped. Mrs B. Johnson Dewsbury

Last week my friend and I heard two boys talking in the park. "I wonder why grass is green," said-one boy. "Yes, me too," replied the second. You can imagine how we laughed, as we are both biology teachers and know only too well it is due to chlorophyll, a green pigment found in the leaves.

J. Moy Hull The other week I went to the barbers for a haircut. There was a queue so I waited my turn. It wasn't until I sat in the barber's chair and looked in the mirror that I remembered. I'm as bald as a billiard hall. I went bright red and rushed out. I still blush now thinking about it.

Recently our 17 year old daughter was taking her driving test when she failed to observe a stop sign and was killed instantly by an articulated lorry. Fortunately, she had already failed on the three-point turn anyway.

M. Craig Lancashire

A. Pratt.

Basildon

No good neighbours

I'm convinced my neighbour is up to no good. Whenever he sees me watching him with my binoculars he closes his curtains. He obviously has something to hide.

D. Wood Louth

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My Uncle was a real hoarder
he never threw anything
away. Old clothes, broken
crockery, broken down TVs,
empty bottles and jars, letters
and newspapers—everything
went up into the attic. "Ir'il
come in handy one day", we
would always hear him say.

We had to laugh the other day when we heard he'd been killed in an accident. His ceiling had collapsed under the weight of all his junk! It took firemen almost 5 hours to recover his body.

M.B. Oldham

*Have you lost a relative in vaguely amusing circumstances? Why not share your story with as. Write to 'Doad Relatives', Letterbox, Viz, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1PT

Never one to grumble

I have been plagued with back trouble throughout my adult years, yet never once have I complained.

Dennis Nails Wakefield

Sitting at the breakfast table the other day, I mentioned to my wife what a fabulous band Genesis were. "You would say that," she replied. "You're the lead singer." I had to laugh, because it was true.

> Phil Collins Surrey

Familiar faces!

My wife and I went to Spain for our holiday last year. On our first night we were amazed to meet our next door neighbours in the hotel bar. Then we suddenly remembered. We had come on holiday with them!

M. Baker Barnstable

Can you imagine my sense of shock the other week when I returned home one night to find my wife in bed with another man? It was so embarrassing. The sheets hadn't been changed for a week and there was dirry underwear all over the floor. I gave her a piece of my mind, I can tell you.

S. Sam Liverpool

The other day we were bored in our office, so we cut all the elastic bands into two pieces. It was great fun.

C and W Lancaster

Imagine how silly it would be if words had been given different meanings when they were invented, like 'nose' and 'line' for example. It would seem ludicrous to say "I'm just going to hang some clothes on the washing nose".

> S. Farrell Chesney Hay

















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Can anvone

I often have trouble remembering what the traffic light colours mean, and this can often prove dangerous. Do your readers have any suggestions which would help me remember the meanings? J Webber Nottingham

Whilst driving through a small village recently, I ran over an old woman's dog. Seeing that the animal was injured I offered to put it out of it's misery. The woman agreed, so I hit it over the head with a shovel I had in the boot of my car, and drove off. You can imagine how I laughed when. through the same village a week later, I caught sight of the old woman and her dog which had a bandage on it's bead.

Ian Ward East Kilbride

A simple solution

In answer to Mr. Webber's letter (this issue), I am a greengrocer and I find it useful to associate the lights with similar coloured fruits. The red light is like a tomato. the first two letters of which are found in the word STOP. Amber is like a lemon, which ends in the letter 'N' as does 'SLOW DOWN'. Finally, green is like a gooseberry, the first two letters of which spell 'GO' Simple.

G. Sprake Guisley

I find a useful way to remember what the traffic lights mean is to say this little rhyme to yourself as you approach:

> When the red light does shine.

I must stop on the line. When the amber is there, Then I'd better take care, But when the green light does show.

Then off I may go.
P. Madeley Rawdon

dark, crowded places by painting them with luminous paint.

J. D. Radley Worcester

LADIES, A toffet freshener in your handbag helps keep it smelling fresh. Jackie P.

Bolton CUT laundry bills. Tie your

dirty linen to the roof rack when you next visit the car wash. R. Hughes Mid-Glamorgan

WHEN children outgrow their potty they make attractive fruit bowls and are much cheaper and more attractive than the ones sold in shops I. Moy

KEEP a tin of red paint in your car. If you see a motor accident you can then pour it over yourself and pretend to be involved.

J. Mitchell Southampton

Hull

PUTTING just the right amount of gin in the goldfish bowl makes the fishes' eyes bulge and they swim in an amusing way

Magnus Macintyre Oxford

A SMALL hole cut out of a window will allow your budgie to come and go as it pleases. C. Press Manchester

Wietol?

HI, VIC

GETTING

Mature

NO, I DON'T

garden by collecting all the twigs and moss in the neighbourhood and hiding them in your shed. P. Reaney

Rothwell I SEW a few figs into the turn-

ups of my husband's trousers and he has never had piles. Mrs. T. Yorath Carlisle



one way street by only looking in the direction of the oncoming traffic. D. Rogers

DISTINGUISH microwave ovens from TV sets at a glance by cutting out the letter 'M' in brightly coloured paper and affixing it to the door of the oven. Mrs G. Jones

Hemel Hempstead

Leicester

WHEN crossing a one-way street, always look for traffic in both directions in case a large, blue furniture removal lorry is reversing the wrong

way up the road.

D. Rogers Hemel Hempstead General Infirmary taking food from the bird table by first placing it in a biscuit tin and securing it with heavy duty P. Reaney

Rothwell

RIGHT-HANDED people. Perform everyday tasks with your left hand so that when you get a splinter, you can carefully remove it using your right hand. A. Pryde

Bromley

I SLEEP with a large key under my tongue and I never suffer from cramp Mrs. T. Yorath

Carlisle

PREVENT bees and butterflies stealing your pollen by enclosing each flower head in a plastic bag securely fastened around the stem with a clothes peg. P. Reaney Rothwell

AVOID embarrassing yourself when drunk by first driving to an abandoned woodshed with the booze in your boot and drinking it there. B. and D.

Bristol

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EVERYDAY, make a list of everything you do and hand it in at your local police station. That way, you can easily be eliminated from their en-quiries in the event of a crime. D. Anon

Monkchester (DOCTOR, I'VE GOT A) (CASE OF DIARRHOEA!)







